

NIT TEAMS



Standing (L-R): Director of Operations Rodney Billups, Coordinator of Operations Bill Cartun, Assistant Coach Jean Prioleau, Marcus Relphorhe, Austin Dufault, Shane Harris-Tunks, Ben Mills, Trey Eckloff, Hassan Safieddine, Head coach Tad Boyle, Assistant coach Mike Rohn, Assistant Coach Tom Abatemarco. Sitting (L-R): Carlon Brown, Nate Tomlinson, Shannon Sharpe, Javon Coney, Alec Burks, Cory Higgins, Levi Knutson, Sabatino Chen, Andre Roberson.

2010-11 NIT Team

In Tad Boyle's first season as Colorado's head coach, the Buffs won a school-record 24 games (14 losses) in reaching the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden. Considered by most analysts to have been the NCAA Tournament's biggest snub, CU made the most of their NIT appearance by winning three straight games before ultimately falling to Alabama in the semis. Led by senior Cory Higgins, who tied Richard Roby for CU's all-time career scoring title (2,001 points), and All-Big 12 unanimous first team selection Alec Burks, the Buffs boasted a potent offensive attack that ranked 12th nationally in scoring (79.6 ppg) and 5th nationally in free throw percentage (77.8 percent). Burks set a CU record for most points in a season with 779, surpassing Cliff Meely's mark that stood for 40 years. The season marked the first time that the Buffs had six players record over 100 made field goals in a season (Burks 251, Higgins 200, Levi Knutson 158, Marcus Relphorhe 148, Austin Dufault 104, Andre Roberson 101). Roberson set a CU freshmen record by recording 297 rebounds for the season, and also became the first freshman in school history to lead the team in rebounds, steals (51) and blocks (42). Knutson was honored with the co-Big 12 Sixth Man of the Year Award.

2005-06 NIT Team

led by a veteran roster of 10 seniors and an All-Big 12 first team selection, in sophomore Richard Roby, the Buffs tallied a 20-10 overall record to earn the school's eighth NIT berth. Coach Ricardo Patton's club ran off to one of the best starts in the program's history, with a 10-1 record before conference play. The season marked the first time three players had made over 50 3-pointers in a season (Roby 63, Andy Osborn 53, Chris Copeland 50). CU became nationally ranked for the first time since the 1996-97 season, coming in at No. 25 team in the country by the USA Today/Coaches' Poll for two straight weeks (Jan. 30-Feb. 12), and tied the school record for home wins in a season, with 14.



Standing (l-r): Kyle Carder, Ryan Dermody, Marcus King-Stockton, Calvin Williams, Julius Ashby, Lamont Arrington, Andy Osborn, Chris Copeland, Scott Senger, Jeryml Jackson-Wilson. Sitting (l-r): Glean Eddy, Chase Perkowski, Billy Boidock, Marcus Hall, Dominique Coleman, Jayson Obazuaye, Antoine McGee, Martane Freeman, Richard Roby.

2003-04 NIT Team

Colorado won 18 games for the fifth time under coach Ricardo Patton, including 10 in conference play, the most since recording 11 back in the 1996-97 season, and earned a number four seed in the Big 12 Tournament in Dallas. The trio of David Harrison, Blair Wilson, and Michel Morandais each surpassed the 1,000 points in a career mark, en route to the Buffaloes' third NIT berth during Patton's eight years as head coach. Harrison would break the CU record for blocks in a career with a three-block performance against Utah. Harrison went on to block 85 shots during the season and after only three years in a CU uniform, would hold every blocked shot record category. Wilson also broke a bundle of records during the season, as the senior made six treys in a game against Iowa State to break or tie four school records, most notably the school record for career 3-pointers. The Buffaloes ended the year with an over-time loss in the NIT tournament to Oregon 72-77.



Standing (l-r): Marcus Hall, Jayson Obazuaye, Glean Eddy, Keith Smith, Scott Senger, Chris Copeland, Andy Osborn, David Harrison, Amadou Doumbouya, Lamar Harris, Blair Wilson, Michel Morandais, Trennis Jones, Brett Mattingly, Billy Boidock. Sitting (l-r): Michel Lasme, Manager Mark Ost, Athletic Trainer Derek Fitts, Assistant Coach Jason Shelton, Assistant Coach Paul Graham, Head Coach Ricardo Patton, Director of Operations Gerald Harris, Assistant Coach Terry Dunn, Equipment Manager Mike Smith, Manager Jackson Drieling, Antoine McGee.



Bottom (l-r): Jaquay Walls, Josh Townsend, Sam Sanders, Jose Winston, Nick Mohr. Middle: Ernest Renfro, D.J. Harrison, Aki Thomas. Standing: Richard Fox, Carlton Carter, Stephane Pelle, Will Smith, Kyle Williams, Jamahl Mosley.

1999-2000 NIT Team

The Buffaloes marched out to an 11-5 pre-conference record to start out the 1999-00 season, led by senior guard Jaquay Walls' 17-point scoring average and Jamahl Mosley and Stephane Pelle's control of the paint, with 7.1 and 6.9 rebounds per game, respectively. On December 3 in Hawaii's Rainbow Classic, Colorado defeated Gonzaga 81-77, making it the Buffs' third straight victory over 1999 NCAA Tournament teams. In what many CU fans believe to be the best game at the Coors Events Center, CU came from behind to defeat Iowa State 102-90 in overtime. Walls scored a NCAA-record 15 points in the overtime, on his way to an astounding 42-point performance. At regular season's end the Buffs were invited to play in the NIT, only to fall in the first round to Southern Illinois 92-94. The invitation marked the third time in four years the Buffs had played in post-season tournaments.

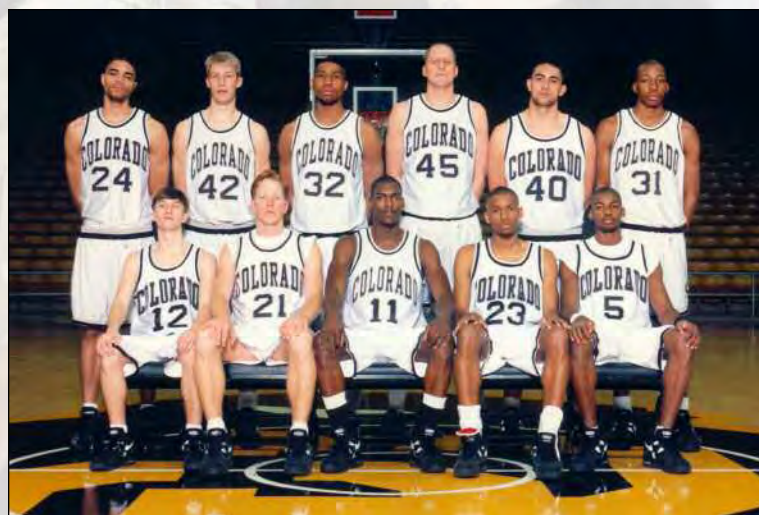
1998-99 NIT Team

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Colorado opened the 1998-99 campaign with a 9-3, where it would see five Buff players average double digits in scoring over the season. By the year's end, many Colorado players had established themselves as some of the elite in the Big 12. Junior Jaquay Walls was named to the All-Big 12 All-Underrated Team, as well as earning All-Big 12 Honorable Mention status. Senior guard Kenny Price was named to the All-Big 12 Third team, while also ranking third in the conference in points per game. Price's nine three-pointers in a Big 12 second round game against Texas would set a single game record, breaking his mark of eight from the year before. With his nine treys, Price would bring his total for the year to 97, the highest single-season total in CU history. In March, Colorado was selected to the NIT, marking the second time in three years that the Buffs made a post-season appearance. CU defeated first round opponent Pepperdine 65-61 in the tournament's opening round, before losing to intrastate rival Colorado State 76-86 in the second round. Price's nine three-pointers in a Big 12 second round game against Texas would set a single game record, breaking his mark of eight from the year before. With his nine treys, Price would bring his total for the year to 97, the highest single-season total in CU history.

1994-95 NIT Team

Colorado started off the 1994-95 season with a 10-3 record, including a convincing win of the Mile High Classic. The Buffs beat Eastern Washington and Hofstra by a combined 39 points for CU's fifth consecutive victory of their home tournament. On January 7 in Boulder, the Buffs ended their 16-game losing streak against ranked teams, when they defeated No. 16 Iowa State 71-57, forcing a school record 31 turnovers by the opponent. After throwing down a fast break dunk, senior guard Donnie Boyce surpassed Cliff Meely (1967-71) to become Colorado's all-time leading scorer, finishing his illustrious career with 1,995 points. Boyce remains the only Colorado player to lead his team in scoring for four consecutive years. On January 17 against Texas-San Antonio, senior Ted Allen blocked five shots to become CU's all-time leader in blocks, finishing with 53 on the year. At the season's end, Colorado qualified for the NIT, for only the second invitation to post-season play in 25 years and the first since the 1900-91 season. The Buffs finished the year with an above .500 winning percentage, for the first time since coach Joe Harrington's debut season with the team.



Bottom Row (l-r): Matt Daniel, Sande Gorgart, Leroy Carter, Keith Higgins, Howard Frier. Top Row: Donnie Boyce, Greg Jensen, Mack Tuck, Ted Allen, Ted Kritza, Fred Edmonds.

1990-91 NIT Team

The inside-outside combination of Shaun Vandiver and Steve Wise led the way for the Buffaloes in the 1990-91 season, where the duo combined for an average 41 points per game. The Buffs scored a school record 124 points, twice, in pre-conference match-ups against Central Connecticut State and Tennessee State, both ending in CU victories. Colorado ended a 22-year post-season drought by receiving an invitation to play in the NIT tournament. The Buffaloes beat Michigan (71-64), Wyoming (83-75), Arkansas State (81-75), and Massachusetts (98-91) en route to a third place finish. Vandiver finished the year with a 21.2-point scoring average and 10 rebounds per game, which was good enough to earn the senior center first team All-Big Eight honors, and a spot on the NIT All-Tournament team. Colorado finished the season with a 19-14 record, the team's best in 21 seasons.



Top (l-r): James Hunter, Charles Gentry, Asad Ali, Bill Markham, Shaun Vandiver, Randy Robinson, Rodell Guest. Bottom: Cornell Mann, Johnny Terrell, Stevie Wise, Cody Walters, Eric Elmburg, Billy Law.



1939-1940 NCAA and NIT Team

The 1939-40 edition of the Buffaloes tallied one of the best records in school history, finishing the year at 17-4. The team, led by coach Forrest Cox, dominated the Mountain States Conference with a conference record of 11-1, the sole loss coming from Utah State 29-31. Colorado qualified for the 1940 NIT in New York City, beating DePaul 52-37 and Duquesne 51-40. The Buffaloes then went on to participate in the NCAA tournament, losing close games to Southern California (32-38) and Rice (56-60 OT). CU remains the only team in NCAA history to play in both the NIT and the NCAA post season tournaments.

Head Coach: Forrest B. Cox. Numerical Order: Jack Harvey #3, Gene Grove #4, Bob Doll #5, Don Hendricks #6, Don Thurman #7, Leason McCloud #8, Bill Cates #9, George Hamburg #10, Dick Emery #12, Paul Schmidt #14, Martin Trotsky #15, John Musgrove #16, Jim Hickey #17, Dick Merrill #18.

1937-38 NIT Team

The Colorado men's basketball program earned its first post season berth in the 1937-38 season, under the direction of third-year head coach Forrest Cox, in which the Buffs went undefeated at home during the season. 1938 featured the debut of the Mountain States Conference, in which the Buffaloes stacked up a record of 10-2 in conference play. Colorado went on to the NIT in New York City, where the Buffs edged out New York University 48-47 in their first game, before succumbing to Temple University by a score of 34-60, turning in a 15-6 record on the season.



Balch Fieldhouse was the home floor for the Buffaloes during the 1937-38 season.

Members on the team were Byron "Whiz" White, Jim Schwartz, Jack Harvey, Jim Willcoxon, Don Hendricks, Don Thurman, Jim Hickey, John Ravenscroft, Mark Saunders, Gene Grove, Charlie Hikes, Don Sidwell.